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For : ELECTRONIC SETTLEMENT METHOD, RECORDING MEDIUM
CARRYING ELECTRONIC MONEY AND PROCESSING DEVICE
OF ELECTRONIC MONEY

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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statement filed on July 29, 2005, applicant submits a copy of a European Search Report dated April 21, 2006, with respect to patent family member European Patent Application No. EP 03 74 8680.0, in which the following documents were cited:

International Patent Publication No. WO 90/15382;

European Patent Publication No. EP 0 775 990, together with patent family members U.S. Patent Nos. 6,634,549 and 5,992,738;

European Patent Publication No. EP 0 907 154, together with patent family member U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0046186; and

Japanese Laid-open Patent Publication No. 2000-57227, together with an English language abstract of the same.

The category of relevance, pertinent portions, and claims to which each document is relevant, as ascertained by the European Examiner, are set forth in the European Search Report.

Further to 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(ii), copies of the U.S. patents and the U.S. patent application publication are not enclosed. However, if any copies are needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. Copies of the above-noted foreign documents are attached and all of the above-noted documents are listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to return a copy of the completed Form to applicant with the next official communication in the present application.

Applicant notes that an Office Action on the merits has not issued in the present application, and thus no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted material.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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